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## IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FOR SHEEP AND GOATS EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a USDA, Veterinary Services (VS), veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and the consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported.

Additional information shall include:

### CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), rinderpest, Rift Valley fever, and sheep and goat pox.
2. During the past three (3) years, the farm of origin has not had a confirmed or suspicious case of scrapie.
3. The animals are physically sound and free from any clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases.
4. The goats/sheep originate from herds/flocks where no brucellosis has been known to occur.
5. The goats/sheep originate from herds/flocks where no enzootic bovine leukosis (EBL) has been known to occur, OR see Testing Requirements, item 6.
6. The animals were treated for internal and external parasites between 7 and 14 days prior to exportation. (Note on the health certificate the date and products used.)
7. The goats showed no clinical signs of leptospirosis on the day of shipment and originated from herds where no clinical cases of leptospirosis were reported during the 90 days before shipment. The animals were also injected twice with 25 mg/kg of dihydrostreptomycin, the first injection given 14 days prior to export, and the second given on the day of export, OR the animals were injected with a single dose of 20 mg/kg of long-acting oxytetracycline. Also see Testing Requirements, item 4.
8. The animals showed no clinical signs of bluetongue on the day of shipment and were kept in an approved, vector proof facility for at least 40 days prior to export.

9. The animals showed no clinical signs of contagious agalactia on the day of shipment and originated from farms where no cases of contagious agalactia were reported during the last six (6) months prior to embarkation.
10. The animals originated from herds where no clinical signs of caprine arthritis-encephalitis (CAE) have been reported during the last 6 months prior to shipment.

## TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals were tested with negative results to the following diseases within 30 days of embarkation:

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| 1. Tuberculosis:                   | Intradermal tuberculin test.  |
| 2. Brucellosis:                    | For goats, <i>Brucella abortus</i> - Standard plate test (SPT)* at a 1:50 dilution or complement fixation (CF) test at a 1:8 dilution.<br>*The National Veterinary Services Laboratories no longer perform the standard tube test for <i>Brucella melitensis</i> .<br><br>For sheep, <i>Brucella ovis</i> , STT or SPT test at a 1:50 dilution, or CF test at a 1:8 dilution. |
| 3. CAE (goats one year and older): | Agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID) test, OR other approved test.   |
| 4. Leptospirosis:                  | Microagglutination test for the common serotypes at a dilution of 1:400.  |
| 5. Bluetongue:                     | AGID.   |
| 6. EBL:                            | AGID.   |

## EMBARKATION STATEMENT

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate, the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor;
2. The name and address of the consignee;
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped; and
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.

## OTHER INFORMATION

1. The inspector (Veterinary Officer, St. George) c/o Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Havelock Street, Curepe, Trinidad, West Indies; (telephone (809) 662-5986/5678) must be notified 24 hours in advance of the animals' anticipated time of arrival.
2. An import permit, along with the U.S. origin health certificate, must be presented to the inspector at the port of entry on arrival of the animals.
3. Upon their arrival in Trinidad, the animals will be transported directly to a farm identified by the owner/buyer and approved by the Veterinary Authority of Trinidad and Tobago where they will be isolated for a period of not less than 21 days.
4. The owner of the animals will be required to make arrangements for, and facilitate visits by officers of the Animal Production and Health Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources to the farm, in order to examine, take samples for diagnostic tests, and treat animals as often as is necessary while they are in isolation. The cost of drugs, chemicals and veterinary supplies will be borne by the owner.
5. Note: any shipment which contains animals infested with ticks (particularly of the *Amblyomma* species) will be denied entry into the country.